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SUBJECT: WINNING US SUPPORT FOR ZAIRE

1. NINE MEMBERS OF VARIOUS US YOUTH GROUPS ARRIVED IN ZAIRE, AUGUST 30, FOR WEEK LONG VISIT TO STUDY ZAIRIAN DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLITICS. THIS WAS RECIPROCAL VISIT FOR ONE MADE BY JMPR TO U.S. EARLIER THIS YEAR. WHILE IN ZAIRE GROUP, SPONSORED BY US YOUTH COUNCIL, WAS UNDER AUSPICES OF ZAIRE'S ONLY OFFICIAL YOUTH ORGANIZATION, JEUNESSE DU MOUVEMENT POPULAIRE DE LA REVOLUTION (J.M.P.R.)

2. VISIT WAS WELL ORGANIZED BY JMPR WHICH MADE CERTAIN THAT GROUP RECEIVED FIRST CLASS TREATMENT. JMPR ALSO SCHEDULED MEETINGS WITH UNIVERSITY, BUSINESS, MEDIA, FOREIGN AFFAIRS, LABOR, AND YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES. EXCEPT FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS VISIT, GROUP MET HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS IN EACH ORGANIZATION. HOWEVER, MEETINGS WERE NOTABLY LACKING IN SUBSTANCE, WITH STANDARD GOVERNMENT RHETORIC USED IN ALL DISCUSSIONS.

3. NONETHELESS, DELEGATION MEMBERS APPEARED PLEASED BY ROYAL TREATMENT AND STATED WITHOUT HESITATION THEIR INTENTION TO RETURN TO US AND SUPPORT US AID TO ZAIRE. JMPR THUS PROVED ITSELF EFFECTIVE AT UTILIZING VISIT TO ADVANCE SUPPORT FOR ZAIRE IN US.

4. JMPR PLANNING FALL VISIT TO US AS GUEST OF US YOUTH COUNCIL,
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AND BOTH ORGANIZATIONS HAVE AGREED TO EXPAND SUCH BILATERAL

CONTACT IN FUTURE.

5. COMMENT: JMPR HAS ALSO HAD SUCH EXCHANGES WITH COMMUNIST
YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS MOST RECENT ONE FROM RUMANIA.
JMPR EVIDENTLY FEELS SUCH VISITS CAN BE USED TO ZAIRE'S
ADVANTAGE TO ADVANCE ZAIRIAN FOREIGN POLICY GOALS.
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